



THE Cornerstone

March 2024

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church
107 State Street, Albany, New York

What is this strange and uncouth thing? To make me sigh, and seek, and faint, and die, Until I had some place, where I might sing, And serve thee; and not only I, But all my wealth, and family might combine To set thy honour up, as our design....."

-- From "The Cross" by George Herbert on his Feast Day, 2024

Beloved of God,

Here we are – a couple of weeks into our Lenten journey with Jesus. Before the month is over, we'll be through Lent, through the dark intensity of Holy Week, and standing in the full sunshine of resurrection morning, the empty tomb before us.

Maybe you're not a "Lent" person. But remember, this season isn't about gloom. It's about divine encounter. It's about forgiveness and freedom. The Risen Christ is among us in a special way during Lent, whispering in our hearts, "Walk with me."

How has Lent been for you so far? Has it been a holy time? Has it been uncomfortable? Or has it been ho-hum? Whatever your experience of walking these days with Jesus and one another has been so far, I have one suggestion I'd like you to consider:

Some time in March, try one "Lent thing" that you've never tried before this year. Just one.

The reason I'm suggesting this is simple: Lenten encounters with Jesus aren't just something that we experience as individuals, in what "I'm giving up for Lent." This season is also experienced together in community — in what "we do" for Lent.

Perhaps you are longing for quiet and beauty. If so, consider attending one Lenten Evensong on a Friday night, and let the sung words of Spirit-breathed Scripture wash over you. Or, enter more deeply into the love, grief and mystery of Good Friday by attending the choral offering, "The Crucifixion."

Maybe you feel like your days are out of control? If so, try one session of Morning Prayer on Zoom and see how those 20 minutes give you a different perspective on the rest of your day (and you can keep your screen off if you don't want us to see your bunny slippers – most of us keep them off, too).

Maybe your heart is burdened by fear, guilt or grief. If so, consider meeting with me to seek together what the Savior desires to give you — absolution, or insight, or healing.

Maybe you need to hear a brave story. If so, stay after church one Sunday in Lent to hear the story of a Lenten saint and discover how their one life shapes your life and the lives of others even now.

And then there's Holy Week itself. Maundy Thursday begins a church service that – in many ways – doesn't end until Sunday morning. There's no concluding prayer...no dismissal. We begin with Jesus during the Last Supper, then see his glory stripped from him. We return on Good Friday to see his offering of himself for us on the cross. We sit quietly by his grave on Saturday morning. And we wait, with a greater love and longing, for the dawn of the third day.

May we encounter the crucified and risen one in these holy days together, beloved, as we journey through death and into larger life.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Mtr. Christina+

Save the Date

New Rector Institution: On Sunday, April 7th at 3pm

The Rev. Christina Hunter will be instituted as the 24th Rector of St. Peter's Church by Bishop Jeremiah Williamson.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

There will be a reception following the service. All are welcome!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24th: Palm Sunday

8:30AM ~ Holy Communion

10:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Service

March 28th: Maundy Thursday

7:30PM ~ Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altars

March 29th: Good Friday

12:00PM ~ Good Friday Liturgy with

Holy Communion from reserved sacrament

St. Peter's Choir accompanied by orchestra will present at

1:15PM ~ THE CRUCIFIXION by John Stainer

a Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer.

All are welcome to attend as your schedule allows, free of charge.

March 30th: Holy Saturday

8:30AM ~ Holy Saturday Liturgy

11:00AM ~ Easter Egg Hunt at the Rectory

March 31st: Easter Sunday

8:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Service

10:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Service with

Child Care in the Nursery



Daylight Savings

We “spring ahead” on Sunday, March 10th! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead the night before.

Vestry Meeting

The April Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 5:15pm.

Spring Family Disciple

Signups for Spring Family Disciple begin on March 1. Our Spring group will meet monthly in April, May, and June. Our “Learn” session in April will feature a scavenger hunt in the church, our “Serve” session will be participation in the Crop Walk, and our “Play” session will be a trip to pick strawberries at a local farm. All members of St. Peter's are welcome, and non-members are welcome as well! To sign up, email Mtr. Christina at priest@stpeterschurchalbany.org with the names and ages of those signing up.

All-Parish Breakfast: On Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 am, everyone from the parish is invited to a free breakfast in the parish hall. This is a great opportunity to invite friends or family who don't normally go to church so that they can enjoy the hospitality of our parish as part of their morning of worship. We hope to see you there!

Coffee Hour - Spring is almost here! First I would like to thank the many volunteers who have provided great goodies for us all to enjoy this year. I will be placing a spring schedule in the kitchen for April, May and June (an abbreviated month). Our fabulous volunteers will then take their summer break and be back in the fall. Please stop by the Pumpelly Room kitchen and sign up for a Sunday or more! Also keep an eye out for some very special programs that will celebrate St. Peter's fellowship and blessings. Thanks to all, Michele Vennard

Easter Lily Requests

Parishioners and friends wishing to place lilies on the altars at Easter to honor, show thanks, or remember loved ones are asked to complete the enclosed form and return it to the church office with your donation no later than Palm Sunday, March 24th. The suggested donation is \$25.



Wednesday Lectionary Lunches: Bring a bag lunch and join Mtr. Christina in the Pumpelly Room after Noon-day Prayer at 12:30pm. During this informal gathering, we'll chat about any questions or observations you have regarding the day's Bible readings (but no Biblical/spiritual topic is off limits!) Need the readings? Visit:

<https://prayer.forwardmovement.org> and click “Daily Readings.” Drinks will be provided.

Learn to Pray – St. Peter's Prayer School: This adult education course will meet this month on the second Wednesday, March 13 at 12:30 pm in the Pumpelly Room. A second session of the class will meet on Palm Sunday, March 24, after the 10:30 am service. Please join us for this month's class, “Lectio Divina – Praying God's Word.”

Lent Early Morning Prayer on Zoom: Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 6:30 am, Mtr. Christina will lead Morning Prayer on Zoom, Wednesdays through Fridays, ending on Good Friday, March 29. The service takes about 20 minutes. Coffee and pajamas are just fine. Bring your Prayer Book and Bible or just come to listen. All are welcome to prepare our hearts to encounter the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. Zoom Meeting ID: 837 6018 1434. Password: 027098.

Sunday Study of the Lenten Saints: Sundays in Lent following the 10:30am service, we'll learn about saints who are part of our Anglican/Episcopal heritage. This study will include a brief biographical sketch of the week's saint, followed by a group discussion of an excerpt of their writing. This series will be led by Mtr. Christina Hunter and by our Licensed Lay Preacher, John Davis.

March 3: John and Charles Wesley

March 10: George Herbert

March 17: Patrick of Ireland

Choral Evensong during Lent - St. Peter's will offer Choral Evensong at 5:45pm on two remaining Fridays during Lent: March 8th and March 22nd. Choral Evensong is the traditional sung version of Anglican Evening Prayer, sung in the English Cathedral tradition. The parish choir prepares a significant amount of choral music for these services, which provides for an especially beautiful and artistic form of worship. Following Evensong, everyone is invited to food and fellowship at a local restaurant that serves fish.

St. Francis Mission & Sunday School Activities

St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen Saturday, March 9th & 16th ~ 11:00am to 1:00pm

On the 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of every month, Laura Saffares, the Director of Christian Education and Chairperson of Outreach, along with other volunteers, all get together to help serve the families of our community in the South End of Albany. You are welcome to come and witness this amazing outreach program anytime you can, we are there from 9am-1pm. Thank you to all that come to volunteer. For information or to let Laura know you are coming please call Laura at: (518) 368-4284.

March's Activities

We have lots planned in the St Peter's Sunday School, so please mark your calendars.

Sunday, March 10th: Children's Chapel

Please join Mother Christina in the Sunday School Room on the second floor of the Guild House, during the 10:30am service. We hope you will bring your children to participate in this children's ministry.

Sunday, March 17th: We will have a reenactment of the Last Supper during the 10:30am service. This will include the story of Jesus and his disciples, washing of our feet and taking part in the Most Holy Bread and Wine (juice). Please come and take part in this wonderful activity.

Sunday, March 24th: Easter Egg Coloring

The Sunday School children will be coloring Easter eggs during the 10:30am service. Please allow them to dress in "old clothes" - but just in case, there will be a small number of smocks available. We hope all of the children will join in this fun event!

Saturday, March 30th: Annual Easter Egg Hunt

All are welcome to join the Sunday School children on Saturday, March 30th for the annual St. Peter's Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities will begin at 11am at the Rectory located at 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville, NY 12211. Please be sure to bring a basket and a friend!



Outreach



DAMIEN CENTER BOWLING FOR PAWS: On Sunday, March 10th the Damien Center will host an afternoon of bowling and entertainment to benefit PAWS, which supports pet owners who are members of the Damien Center with food, veterinary care, and care for their animals when they are temporarily unable to care for them themselves. \$25 will get you shoe rental, two hours of bowling time, and a fabulous and family friendly drag show. We have created one team of six, tentatively called the Holy Bowlers, and hope to create at least one more. It does not matter if you don't bowl. Bowl anyway, or just come for the silent auction (pet merchandise, restaurant and movie gift certificates, donations from local businesses), the raffles, and the floor show. Food and beverages are available for purchase. For details please contact Sharon DeBonis, scdebonis@verizon.net or (518)669-5054 (cell or text), or talk to me at church.

The Winter Family Disciple group threw a Valentine's Party for the Damien Center on Sunday, Feb. 11. Our group brought desserts, offered Valentines made by our Sunday School kids, delivered treat bags, and led a round of Valentine-themed Bingo with prizes for the top three winners. A special thank you to Laura Saffares for her hard work in making the party a success. The party was the "Serve" project for our disciple group this season.



Spring Family Disciple 2024

A Threefold Way of Growing in Faith

Sign up now for Spring Family Disciple! Our theme for 2023-2024 is "Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk with God." We'll be focusing on "Walk with God" this cycle.

LEARN: Sunday, April 21 at 12:15 pm

The Learn Gathering will feature an all-ages "Walk with God" scavenger hunt in the church, with clues for both children and youth/adults. We will begin our time with a pizza party and conclude the hunt with sweet treats.

SERVE: Sunday, May 5 at 1:30 pm

For the Serve Gathering, we'll "Walk with God" by participating in the Albany CROP Hunger Walk, a yearly event that raises money to fight hunger in our community. The walk begins at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 21 Hackett Blvd.

PLAY: Saturday, June 8 at 10 am

Our Play Gathering will consist of a strawberry picking outing to a local farm. The picking location will be announced at a later date.

To sign up for the 3-session Spring Disciple program, send the names/ages of your family members to Mtr. Christina at priest@stpeterschurchalbany.org. Signups are open until Friday, April 12 at noon.

COMING SOON!!

Albany CROP Hunger Walk Is Sunday, May 5, 2024!

St. Peter's is participating yet again in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany, to be held Sunday May 5, 2024. Albany's 2024 Walk will take place in person, departing at 1:30 PM from St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 21 Hackett Blvd. in Albany, with registration beginning at 12:30PM. Please contact Maria Holden at msholden1@aol.com if you would like to join the St. Peter's team of walkers. If you prefer, you may walk in your own neighborhood any time during the month of May. To contribute to Albany's CROP Walk and support our team, please visit our new team web page at:







<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/st-peters-episcopal-church-albany>

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the US to raise funds to respond to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster around the globe. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised go to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world and our own community. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the St. Peter's Team and CROP Walk 2024!



March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
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10 The Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer 10:30am - Children's Chapel 12:00pm - Lenten Saints Study	11	12 5:15pm - Vestry Meeting	13 12:05pm - Noon 12:30pm - St. Pe School "Lecti
17 The Fifth Sunday in Lent  8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion Sunday School - Last Supper Reenactment 12:00pm - Lenten Saints Study	18	19 Saint Joseph	20 12:05pm - Noon 12:30pm - Lecti
24 Palm Sunday The Sunday of the Passion 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion S. School - Easter Egg Coloring 12:00pm - Prayer School - "Lectio Divina"	25 	26	27 12:05pm - Noon 12:30pm - Lecti
31 Easter Sunday 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion 			

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Communion	7 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal	8 5:45pm - Evensong	9 10:00am - Winter Family Disciple "Play" gathering 11:00am - Angels in Training
Monday Prayer Peter's Prayer "O divina"	14 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal	15	16 11:00am - Angels in Training
Monday Prayer Monary Lunch	21 5:30pm - Full Choir Rehearsal	22 5:45pm - Evensong	23
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From the Archives

New Bishop of Albany
Rt. Reverend Jeremiah D. Williamson.

A prayer for the new Bishop:

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide, we bless and thank you for your servant Jeremiah, Bishop of your Episcopal Diocese of Albany.

By the working of your Holy Spirit grant him grace and every spiritual gift as he takes up this role as our chief pastor and teacher.

Make him a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways and watch over your people with loving care. Strengthen and guide him to lead in vision. Fill him with courage to teach your truth.

Prepare our hearts to welcome Bishop Jeremiah, Jennifer, Oscar and Isaiah joyfully into our Diocesan community. Continue to purify our intentions and lead us into holiness, that we may bear witness to your Son without shame or fear, in unity, humility and mutual charity, devoted to your will for the good of the world.

Amen

The Julia Chapter of the Daughters of the King

The membership voted to meet the first Sunday of each month. During the most recent meeting, the DOK discussed the following items:

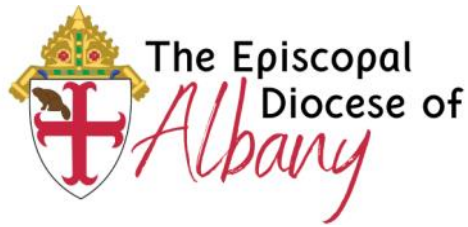
- The confidential prayer list.
- A vote was made to purchase the book, "Women of the Bible."
- We will read three chapters on a monthly basis and then discuss the book at our regular scheduled meeting, except for the month of March.
- The Daughters of the King will be hosting Coffee Hour on Sunday 3/17/24.
- Several members of the DOK will be updating the bi-laws.
- Several of the Daughters are assisting Mtr. Christina on the second Sunday of each month for special prayers immediately following the 10:30am service.
- The Daughters are continuously accepting women of St. Peter's as members of the Julia Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

Respectfully submitted by Susan J. Smith, President

BURNING OF THE PALMS

On Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13, St. Peter's celebrated its first "Burning of the Palms" as part of our traditional pancake supper and Mardi Gras gathering. The ashes from the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday worship were then distributed on Feb. 14, during our Ash Wednesday services.





Friends,

God has called us to walk together, as blessed companions, guided into the vast future by the Holy Spirit. I've believed that for a while.

From the moment I first glanced the search profile, back in Fall of 2022, I sensed that God had something good in mind for us. When I arrived at Christ the King for the first time, in April of last year, to spend time with the Profile and Search Committee, I could feel a future. During the ABC tour, when I first met many of you, the welcome was rich and the air alive with possibility.

And then, on Election Day, September 9 of 2023, I received a phone call from my meet-and-greet shepherd, Sue Ellen Ruetsch. She greeted me: "Hello, Bishop." And in a moment, my life changed forever.

Since early January, I have been in the diocese, on the ground, on the road. The learning curve is, admittedly, steep; the questions and requests plentiful; the challenges are many and varied; and the meetings are usually back-to-back. And I feel tremendously blessed to be called by God, and by you, to this holy work. I feel alive in a new way, the way one feels when one is exactly where one is meant to be.

After months of being your Bishop-elect, I am exceedingly pleased to now be your Bishop. February 24 is a day that will forever be impressed on my soul. The event was soaked through with holy love and fueled by abundant joy. I could feel your support and your prayers. I treasure the ways in which you have welcomed me into my office.

The gifts I received during the consecration liturgy will forever serve as reminders of your love and trust. No matter where I am, when I look down at my ring, I will think of you and our bond.

I am touched by your care. I am humbled by your embrace of me, my ministry, and my family. I am strengthened by your companionship. And I am consumed by hope for the future God has in store for our diocese.

Your Bishop,

+Jeremiah

MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING
ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 9th, 2024

Present: Mtr. Christina, J. Chenot, D. Spath, P. Benson, A. Closson, S. Debonis, C. Gordon, S. Hartt M. Holden, M. Lundberg, J. Russom, G. Scala

Absent: F. Hershey

Opening Prayer Led by Mtr. Christina.

Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, December 12th, 2023

The vestry minutes from the December 12th, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by D. Spath, seconded by S. Debonis, then unanimously approved by the vestry.

Rector's Report – Mtr. Christina

Rector stuff:

Led Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship, with John Davis preaching on Advent 4. I'm very grateful for our staff, lay leaders, choir, and guilds for their hard work and devoted worship during a wonderful Advent and Christmas season.

Led Children's Chapel on December 31.

Led the second December session of St. Peter's Prayer School (Candles and Contemplation) on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Kicked off Winter Family Disciple on Jan. 6 with the "Learn" session about a Biblical understanding of "Love Kindness."

Will begin teaching Confirmation classes on Jan. 14 to three candidates. The classes will last through the spring, with a service set tentatively in May.

Did one home visit and two hospital visits.

Concluded leading Morning Prayer on Zoom in Advent. We had between 2 and 6 participants each morning. A few participants reported that the sessions were very helpful.

Called through the parish directory during Advent. Had some great conversations with parishioners.

Celebrated Holy Eucharist for Epiphany on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Interim stuff:

Big Picture Update: This will largely be covered in my annual report. Will give a brief overview of our parish reflection of the past 18 months, leading us to our mission statement and core values as an answer to "What is God calling us to do?" Will be talking about concrete ways in 2024 we'll be seeking to live into our calling here at St. Peter's.

Administrative Update: Continuing financial review process. Am hoping to produce a report and recommendations for the Vestry to consider this spring.

Also, reorganizing Task Forces for 2024 – will address this item later in the agenda.

SAVE THE DATE:

Feast of the Confession of St. Peter (Patronal Feast) – Jan. 21, 2024.

Annual Meeting – Jan. 28, 2024.

Shrove Tuesday – Feb. 13, 2024

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14, 2024

Sr. Warden's Report – J. Chenot

First, I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. To start, I want to thank everyone who supported St. Peter's and the vestry last year. We were fortunate last year to start off with Mother Christina as our minister and ending in December with our newly installed Organist and Choir Director Daniel Romaro. By the time Advent season approached last month, everyone's energy focused on making sure we continued to be able to enjoy all our traditional services and music that we are all accustomed to.

As mentioned in my recent report in December, we started our Advent season off with an incredible performance of Handel's Messiah, then the following Sunday, our Sunday School performed our annual Christmas Pageant. Following that was the third Sunday in Advent where we performed our Lessons and Carols followed by The Hanging of the Greens. The service and the greening of the church was well attended with many helpers, young and old. Every year it is heartwarming to see everyone help beautify the Church, which has been a large part of St. Peter's tradition for many years. We would like to thank Jeff Russom and Janice Chenot who headed the luncheon as well as those who helped in the kitchen afterwards with cleanup. It was truly a great day had by all.

The last Sunday of Advent fell on Christmas Eve. We celebrated having one service at 9:00 AM following with our two Christmas Eve services that evening. Christmas Day, we again had one service. All the services were well attended, including many new faces out in the congregation, including our devoted church family.

During the Advent season every year, our congregation steps up and opens its hearts to many of our outreach programs. From winter coats, Christmas gifts for the less fortunate, food donations for the local pantries -thank you so much. Many thanks to Laura Safares who heads up many of these outreach programs, as well as many in our congregation who give up their time to help, including those who give monetarily to all these programs. We are also grateful for those who continue to support our Capital City Mission overflow shelter held in our parish hall which opened November 1st. Each night we are able to bring gentlemen in for shelter, rest and light snacks, leaving early the following morning. This enables beds at the Mission to be open for those in need during Code blue. Please know your food and monetary donations are so important to this ministry ensuring those in need know they have a safe place to rest -Thank you for all your support.

We need to take this opportunity to thank our new choir director, Daniel Romaro, and the choir for all their hard work and dedication with all the preparation of music that was performed during the Advent season. Thank you all for your dedication to St. Peter's music program as well as ministering to the congregation – there is so much liturgy woven into our Anglican music -so yes – important ministry. Thank you all.

I want to thank Mother Christina for all the preparation and spiritual leadership during the past year leading up to and during our recent Advent season. Your love and commitment to all of us at St. Peter's means so much to all our parishioners and we are blessed to have you as our minister. Also, many thanks to all on the altar guild, flower guild, the ushers, acolytes, and clergy for making this past Advent season a meaningful and joyful time for all of us. Finally, thanks to Janice, Ruth, Pat and Wayne for all their work and preparation before and after all the services. The amount of unseen work, time and talent needed during all these events during Advent is overwhelming, please know we are all very appreciative of all you do for St. Peter's.

Our annual meeting will be on the fourth Sunday of this month, January 28th after the 10:30 service. We will hold our annuals elections for vestry seats open this year as we have done in the past. I want to take this time to thank our treasurer George Scala for all his dedication and his hard work he does on the finance committee, the work he does for St. Peter's is immeasurable – thank you George.

Looking ahead, Lent begins February 14th and will again have our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on February 13th.

Blessings and a Happy New Year to all.

Sunday Attendance – The Average Sunday Attendance is 74.8 (as of February 9, 2024)

Finance – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report Highlights/Summary – December 2023

	December	YEAR-TO-DATE
OFFERINGS	\$61,655	\$253,789
EXPENSES	(\$73,118)	(\$646,898)
GAIN/(LOSS)	(\$11,463)	(\$393,109)
WITHDRAWALS FROM ENDOW- MENT TO FUND SHORTFALL	\$60,000	\$409,078

Endowment Return (Merrill Lynch)

Dec: +4.74%

Index Calculated Return: +5.38%

Updated 2024 Pledges:

23 for a total of \$111,410

YTD Offerings through Dec '23 were \$43,058 higher than '22

Property –

The ceiling in the Guild House apartment had a leak repaired.

Outreach – S. Debonis

Laura Saffares continues her tireless work at St. Francis Mission, supported by a growing group of faithful volunteers from St Peter's. The Giving Tree for the South End Children's Cafe was once again a success, and Laura continues to collect warm clothing for men, women and children at both sites. Christmas dinner at the Damien Center was prepared by many hands from St. Peter's, and delivered and served on Christmas Day by Laura and Sharon DeBonis, assisted by the Center's chef and assistant chef, who both volunteered to work on Christmas. We served about twice as many people this year as we did last year, and hope that this tradition will continue to grow. Every dish was well received, and we ran out of a few things, so we will make more next year. Thanks to everyone who contributed. You provided a warm welcome to people who have nowhere else to go on Christmas.

Old Business –

As discussed at the December meeting, the vestry conducted a vote on Mother Christina's position to become the Rector of St. Peter's church. M. Lundberg made a motion to have Mother Christina remain with our church and become Rector. This motion was seconded by D. Spath then unanimously approved by the vestry. The vestry congratulated Mother Christina and is thrilled to share the news with the congregation.

The vestry has decided on 3 candidates for the vestry nomination ballot for the 3 open seats. The candidates will be listed in the leaflet in the coming weeks prior to the annual meeting.

New Business –

Daniel Vartigan, our financial advisor from Merrill Lynch attended our January meeting to give the vestry a presentation of our Merrill Lynch account and investments. The vestry thanks Dan for taking the time to explain all of this information to us.

St. Peter's was given a small number of invitations to attend the Bishop's Consecration. Three of the invitations will be offered to the delegates who attended this year's annual convention. At our annual meeting, we will pull one lucky parishioner's name for the one remaining invitation.

The February vestry meeting has been moved from Tuesday February 13th to Monday February 12th due to the conflicting Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Gordon and seconded by A. Closson, then was approved unanimously by the vestry.

Compline was led by Mtr. Christina.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie J. Gordon

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Christina Hunter.....Rector
Daniel Romero.....Organist & Choirmaster
Malcolm Moran.....Assistant Music Director
Laura Saffares.....Director of Christian Education
Ruth Manss..... Office Manager
James P. Shortall.....Sexton
Wayne Hill.....Sexton
Janice Chenot.....Office Volunteer
E. Constance Powell.....Historian & Archivist

Vestry

James Chenot.....Senior Warden
Deborah Spath.....Junior Warden
George Scala.....Treasurer

Pete Benson, Sharon DeBonis, Christie Gordon, Samuel Hartt, Fred Hershey, Maria Holden, Mark Lundberg, William Pettit III, Jeff Russom

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Services

Sunday

Holy Communion 8:30 am

Holy Communion 10:30 am

(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:30 am

(2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

Sunday School 10:30 am

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 12:05pm

(1st Wednesday of the month)

Noonday Prayer - 12:05pm

(All other Wednesdays)

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